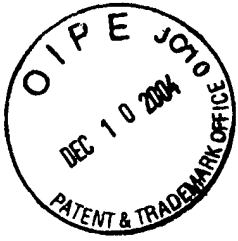


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, in the above-identified application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time along with the appropriate fee. With this one-month extension of time, this response is due on or before December 10, 2004. Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 17810-509 NATL (SCI-9 NATL).

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